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APPROVAL OF CLOSURE REPORT FOR TEMPORARY ACCUMULATION AREA (TAA) 698, FORMER MARINE CORPS AIR STATION (MCAS) EL TORO

Dear Mr. Piszkin:

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has reviewed the subject document dated June 6, 2003, prepared by Shaw Environmental Inc. for Naval Facilities Engineering Command. The closure report summarizes the results of additional soil samples collected at TAA 698 in March and April 2003. Based on agreements reached during a site visit on February 12, 2003, six confirmation samples were collected from three hand auger boring locations at 18 and 36 inches below ground surface. The samples were analyzed for volatile organic compounds (VOCs), semi-VOCs, total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH) as gasoline, TPH as diesel, pesticides, and metals.

TAA 698 (also referenced as Solid Waste Management Unit (SWMU) 252 located southeast of Building 698 in the northeast quadrant of the Station) was identified as a temporary hazardous waste storage area (HWSA) during the development of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Facility Assessment (RFA) prepared for El Toro. The unit is described as 10-feet by 10-feet concrete pad, with sump, metal roof, and berm.

Based on the review of this closure report and supplemental information received on September 24, 2004, we agree with the Navy's recommendation of no further action for TAA 698. Also, the unit should be identified as "closed" and suitable for residential uses in the next Base Realignment Closure Business Plan update.

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If you have any question, please call me at (714) 484-5419.

Sincerely,

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